

## End Nicaraguan Seebecks

### Brazil Issues "Day Of The Bible" Stamp

Brazil has issued what at first glance might be the first time a commemorative of this particular nature has ever been issued anywhere in the world. It is a 1.20Cr



dull orange brown stamp dedicated to the "Dia da Biblia", Day of the Bible.

True enough the Bible has figured in several other issues from around the world, but this seemingly is the first in actual remembrance of a day devoted to the book itself.

Sponsorship of the issue was by the Bible Society of Brazil

### HPO FIRST TRIP

While there has been nothing official in the way of a Post Office Department Bulletin on the matter, there is every reason to believe that Highway Post Office Service will be inaugurated on January 14 between Portland and Seaside, Oregon.

Cover fans wanting to place covers on Trip 1 and Trip 2, the first day, should send them to the care of the postmasters of the above named post offices with the request that they be held for and placed on the first trip of the Highway Post Office Service.

Envelopes must contain a stuffer. On the outside should be a 3c stamp and a name and address.

This information comes from Virgil J. Geary, secretary, National Highway Post Office Society, Dayton, Ohio

which had designated the second Sunday of December as the Day of the Bible.

According to Manoel F. da Motta of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil impressive ceremonies accompanied the release with important parts being taken by the Rev. Evaldo Alves and H. C. Morris both members of the society.

Design of the stamp contains a map of Brazil upon which is superimposed two hands holding an open Bible. A Divine light surrounds this presentation.

The Bible stamp is the 13th and final commemorative from Brazil in 1951.

Late in January the new multi-color printing press is expected to be in operation. Mr. da Motta has advised that there are several commemoratives awaiting printing as soon as it is ready to run.

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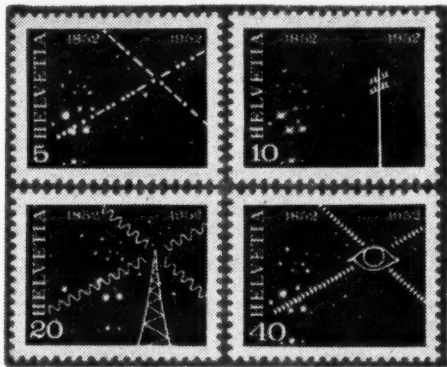
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**FIRST DAY OF THE UN AIRMAILS** was on December 14 when the four denominations, 6c, 10c, 15c and 25c, were released amidst appropriate ceremonies. Participating were the persons shown above at the UN Building. Fourth from the left is president Jesse Johnson of the American Air Mail Society who is seen purchasing the first sheets of each of the values from Bertil A. Renborg chief of the UN Postal Administration. These sheets were later presented to the National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia. Reading from left to right are, Peter Keller, ASDA secretary; Bernard Davis, director NPM; Ernest A. Kehr, AAMS director; Mr. Johnson; Mr. Renborg; George D. Kingdom, AAMS; L. B. Gatchell, AAMS; and Augustin Vanegas, P. Asst. PMG of Nicaragua.

## Switzerland Will Mark Century Of Telecommunications With Four Commemoratives On February 1

When Switzerland enters the realm of controversial stamp art it does so with all stops wide open. Some of this nation's fantastic designs of the past will evoke no more comment than four stamps just announced to commemorate "A Century Of Telecommunications In Switzerland". These in many quarters will be considered the poorest



of the world's poor and in other places the "height of symbolic art". In any event, the set will no doubt get a big play from collectors for Switzerland is one of the most popular of countries philatelically and otherwise. The first day of issue will be February 1.

Each of the four will be in two or more colors and produced from rotary intaglio etchings by the Swiss firm of Courvoisier.

The 5c in orange and yellow honors the Telegraph, the design picturing crossed lines of "dots and dashes" in the sky.

A telephone pole and telephone wires symbolize Telephonic communications on the 10c green, blue green and pink.

A radio tower and radio waves establish the tribute to this medium on the 20c red violet, pink and gray blue.

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## Destroy Rolls, Plates, Dies From Which The 'Stamps' Were Printed

by Ernest A. Kehr

Nicaraguan officials, in the presence of several representatives of philatelic circles, December 11 initiated the first step in completely destroying the vestiges of the scandalous operations of Nicholas Frederick Seebeck who did more than any other single person to generally cripple the hobby half a century ago and put Latin American issues in disfavor.

Through this action every known original die, transfer roll and cliché used to make printing surfaces of the so-called "Seebeck issues" of Nicaragua were defaced at the Security Bank Note Company, 55th and Sanson Sts., Philadelphia, through the efforts of Augustin Vanegas P., Director of the Philatelic Agency of the Nicaraguan government, in Managua.

Seebeck's unethical operations began in 1889, when he offered to supply El Salvador without cost a completely new set of postage stamps each year for a decade, provided the government would return to him all unused supplies of the previous year's stamp as soon as it received the new set for the following twelve months. As a former stamp dealer and representative of the Hamilton Bank Note Company which had previously printed stamps for several Colombian states and the Dominican Republic, he procured for his firm similar orders from Nicaragua, Ecuador, and Honduras.

Instead of just accepting the remainders, Seebeck made large supplies of reprints from the original plates which he then so widely sold to stamp wholesalers throughout the world that philatelic groups here and abroad organized a society to boycott not only the Seebeck reprints but all stamps of any countries which had helped him perpetrate what has since become known as "the greatest racket ever conceived to defraud innocent collectors."

These Seebeck reprints were made in such huge quantities that they literally flooded the market and even today full sets of all issues are available to anyone who cares to buy them at a cent or two each. Original copies—those actually sold in the postoffices of the four countries during their year of currency, and particularly examples used on original letters—however, are exceedingly rare. Originals may be distinguished from the reprints by the type of paper used to make them: the latter being on a cheap, white, porous stock.

Serious philatelic groups attempted to halt the reprinting almost as soon as Seebeck's scheme became known, but not until Nov. 9, 1911, did John N. Luff, John A. Klemann and P. F. Brunner go to the Hamilton Bank Note Company to witness the destruction of such printing plates as were still in the vaults. The certification of these men, however, noted that they could not find the plates of the 1890, 1891 and 1892 issues of Nicaragua and Honduras.

When the late George Field be-

came president of the firm, in 1918, only the dies and transfer rolls from which the Seebeck stamp plates had been made remained in the Hamilton's vaults. An inventory of them, made by the writer in 1928, indicated that they had not been used for at least twenty years.

Even though the printing plates had been officially destroyed, the possibility of producing new "Seebecks" could never be prevented while the dies and transfer rolls remained in existence. Mr. Vanegas, therefore, has been making efforts to destroy them for the last three years. In the mean time the Hamilton Bank Note Company moved from its plant on 149 Adams St., Brooklyn, and eventually was absorbed by the Security Bank Note Company, in Philadelphia.

Desiring to co-operate with the Nicaraguan government, and acting solely in the capacity of custodian of the dies and rolls, Security checked the entire vault stock which it had acquired from Hamilton, picked out those used to make Nicaraguan issues of 1890 to 1899 and arranged the defacing ceremonies December 11.

In the vault of the Philadelphia plant each known die and roll was examined by the witnesses, checked against carefully prepared lists and permanently destroyed under an electric grindstone. Following the ceremonies all witnesses attested to the destruction.

Present at the ceremonies, when thirty-six dies, twenty-two rolls and 119 clichés comprising more than 200 stamp designs were destroyed, were Consul General Carlos Monterrey, Consul Rafael Deshon and Mr. Vanegas, representing Nicaragua; Henry Goodkind, Albert Kunze, John J. Britt, Bernard Davis, Kent Stiles and the writer, representing philatelic circles, and George Goldsworthy, executive vice-president of the Security Bank Note Company.

"Nicaragua is anxious to restore its stamps to favor among collectors, and this action ought to convince philatelists that my government will not tolerate any possibility of private individuals manipulating our stamps for private gains," Mr. Vanegas declared.

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Collectors are being offered the opportunity of purchasing such stamps, both regular and airmail, until March 31, at face value.

Identification of these issues is the overprinting of the wording, "OFFICIAL-PANAMA CANAL" on regular and airmail stamps of the "Zone".

Those wanting any of these stamps are to send their requests to the Postmaster, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, with cash or Postal money order to cover the value of the stamps ordered plus return postage.

Postage stamps, or personal checks will not be accepted. The best stamps available will be supplied but requests as to centering, plate numbers which are not available, or position blocks cannot be granted.

These stamps have no postage value nor are they redeemable. Those for sale are:

REGULARS:—1c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 50c.

AIRMAILS:—5c, 6c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 30c, 40c, \$1.00.

## Interesting Studies In New "Philatelist"

The Collectors Club Philatelist Volume XXX No. 6, now in the hands of club members, contains in addition to the regular features, a note on the forthcoming issue of the book by Sir John Wilson, entitled "The Royal Philatelic Collection".

In addition, the following items seem of interest:

**Columbia**, the First Two Issues (Scott No. 1-12) by F. G. Larsen. **United States**, Precancels Before 1880, by the New York Precancel Stamp Club.

**Azerbaijan**, The Moussavat Stamps of 1919, by H. D. S. Haverbeck.

**Canada**, a continuation of the analysis of the 5c-1859 Proof sheets by Major G. A. E. Chapman.

**Nepal**, the conclusion of the series by E. A. Smythies, L. E. Dawson, and H. D. S. Haverbeck on the postage stamps of this country.

**Austria-Hungary**, a Study of Unusual Fieldpost Mail in 1888, by John F. Connor.

The Collectors Club Philatelist is available, postpaid, upon payment of \$1.25 to the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

## "Father Of Airmail" Dies At Philadelphia

Paul Henderson, 67, frequently referred to as "father of airmail service," died at his home in Philadelphia, December 18, after a long illness.

As a second assistant postmaster general in the early 1920's, Mr. Henderson was active in establishment of airmail service. On many occasions, he flew with pioneer mail pilots to learn their problems first-hand.

After leaving the Post Office Department, he organized National Air Transport, a pioneer airmail operation between New York, Cleveland and Chicago. He later organized Transcontinental Air Transport, often referred to as the "Lindbergh Line."

## Will Surcharge One Cent Postal Cards

Postmaster General Donaldson has announced that arrangements are being made for the overprinting of the 1c No. 8 cut postal cards which remained on hand in post offices after January 1.

The new 2c postal card rate became effective that date. This operation is to be performed by means of tickometers applying a rectangular impression to the left of the stamp containing the words, "Revalued—2c—P. O. Dept." arranged in three lines.

The surcharge will be applied in green ink and will appear directly to the left of the imprinted stamp.

## BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

by HENRY M. FRIEDMAN  
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**PERFORATIONS.** Several years ago this column began making comparisons between the prices in Scott's and in Gibbons catalogs. We also called attention to the perforation varieties which, although not mentioned by Scott, were in demand in England and were worth many times the normal catalog price.

Whether as a result of these comparisons or not, the fact is that a demand for these scarce perforation varieties resulted and auction catalogs began listing them and giving Gibbons catalog prices.

On December 21, the Equitable Stamp Company held an auction sale of 790 lots of British Empire stamps. Many of the scarce perforation varieties were offered and the prices realized will give some idea of the demand here in the U. S.

Here are some of the prices paid at this sale for scarce perforations and colors:—

**ASCENSION.** Scotts No. 54/56 cataloged at 18c, were sold in blocks of four with perforation 14 at \$9.25.

**BARBADOS.** The 1938 1/2d green listed by Scott as No. 193 and priced at 20c regardless of perforation. This stamp is listed in Gibbons as 248A and priced at 60 shillings with perforation 14. A single mint copy sold for \$6.75.

The 1d carmine listed by Scott as No. 194 and priced at 40c regardless of perforation. This is listed by Gibbons as No. 249 and priced at 6 Pounds if perforated 13 1/2 x 13.

A single mint copy described as "3 perfs snubbed" sold for \$15.00.

**BERMUDA.** Scott's No. 124/125 are priced at \$2.10 again regardless of perforation. The auction catalog described these as the scarce 14.2 perfs. These stamps are listed in the Commonwealth Catalog as perforated 14 1/4 and priced at 19 Pounds and 10/-.

These two were offered as one lot and sold for \$66.00. The Pound stamp No. 128 is priced by Scott at \$5.60. Gibbons list as purple and black No. 121 priced at 6 Pounds. (This is a shade variety not mentioned by Scott). A mint copy sold at this sale for \$20.00.

The 12/6 listed by Scott as No. 127 and priced at \$3.50 exists in various shades, and the gray and yellow is listed in the Commonwealth Catalog at 7 Pounds. A mint copy of this stamp sold at this auction sale for \$22.50.

**CEYLON.** Scott's No. 286, the 50c value, is priced at 20c mint and 15c used, regardless of perforation.

If perforated 13 x 13 1/2 this stamp is listed in Gibbons as No. 394A and priced at 16 Pounds mint and 80 shillings used. A used copy sold at this sale for \$6.25.

**GIBRALTAR.** The 3 pence blue listed by Scott as No. 111 is priced at 7c regardless of perforation. If perforated 14, Gibbons' price is 80/- and Commonwealth price 65/-.

A mint copy sold at this sale for \$8.00.

**LEEWARDIS.** The Pound stamp of 1941 listed by Scott as black and violet on red as No. 115 is priced at \$5.00.

Gibbons list a purple and black as No. 105A and price same at 75 shillings. A mint copy of this stamp sold at this sale for \$10.00.

**NIGERIA.** The 1936 three pence stamp No. 42 is priced by Scott at 20c regardless of perforations. If perforated 12 1/2 x 13 1/2 Gibbons price as No. 38A at 5 Pounds. A mint copy sold at this sale for \$9.00.

Get out your copies and check for the scarce perforations but be sure that you have a good perforation gauge.

## Martin, Former APS Prexy Dies

Roscoe B. Martin, 71, president of the American Philatelic Society from 1933 to 1935, and resident of Forrestville, N. Y. died suddenly Friday December 21 at his home.

Mr. Martin, a former banker, was interested in antiques as well as material of a historical nature especially as it applied to the section in which he lived. While a sizeable part of his stamp collection was sold some time ago, he still had a large number of albums in his possession. He is survived by Mrs. Martin.

## AAMS Officers At UN For Airmails

President Jesse Johnson, head of a group of officers of the American Air Mail Society who attended by invitation, the ceremony in the United Nations Building in New York City, on December 14 on the occasion of the issuance of four air mail stamps by the United Nations.

Bertil A. Renborg, Chief, U. N. Postal Administration; assisted by Postmaster Albert B. Goldman of New York; A. W. Woods, Assistant Secretary; Augustin Vanegas, P. Assistant to the Postmaster General of Nicaragua; and Bernard Davis, a member of the United Nations Stamp Committee presided at the ceremony of postmarking the first air mail letters to bear the new air mail adhesives.

Present and witnessing the ceremony from the American Air Mail Society were, in addition to president Johnson, L. B. Gatchell, Ernest A. Kehr, Geo. D. Kingdom, and Mr. Davis.

President Johnson on behalf of the American Air Mail Society, purchased a sheet of each of the four air mail values, from Mr. Renborg which were autographed by all persons attending the ceremony, and in turn presented to the National Philatelic Museum of Philadelphia, Pa. Bernard Davis, director of the museum, accepted the stamps for the museum.

## Gets Six Years For Stamp Fraud

The forces of the law put a definite end to the activities of Max Kalish, 41, an ex-convict. He was sentenced December 21 to six years in prison by Judge Walter J. LaBuy in Federal District Court, Chicago.

Kalish pleaded guilty to defrauding west coast stamp dealers of \$4,500 and to possessing \$8,400 in stolen traveler's checks.

Judge LaBuy continued until Jan. 21 for pre-sentence investigation the disposition of similar charges against co-defendant, Mrs. Dorothy B. Shifflet, 34. The two were arrested October 24 in Chicago.

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## Trumpeters Show Pleasing Increase

When the design, "Trumpeter Swans In Flight" appeared on the 1950 Duck stamps it was said at the time that it would only be a matter of a few years when all that would remain of this rare species would be a picture of them.

Things seem to be looking up for the Trumpeters according to the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior which in a recent bulletin reported as follows:

The rare trumpeter swan, which was disappearing from this country in the early 1930's, supplied the highest count in 17 years during the annual census taken July 31-August 3.

The trumpeter swan population figures released by the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, give a new high of 535 birds—an increase of 159 adult and young swans, or cygnets, over last year, according to Director Albert M. Day.

This unusually large number which is 462 more swans than the 1935 count of 73, is believed to be due to better breeding conditions. Last year's count was 376 trumpeters.

The yearly trumpeter census is taken by personnel of the National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

On the Red Rock Lakes Refuge in Montana, 374 trumpeters were counted. Of this number, 89 were cygnets. There was a net gain of 140 birds over last year's total of 234.

Idaho gained 26 trumpeter swans, including 11 young birds, while Yellowstone National Park and the National Elk Refuge nearby, yielded the same number as last year, 80 swans.

The total increase of young swans in all areas amounted to 45.

Not only is the trumpeter swan one of the rarest and largest of North America's wild fowl—it's wing spread is 8 feet or more—it is also the most outstanding example of a species saved from United States extinction through the establishment of a federal refuge staffed with wildlife management experts.

At one time, the beautiful trumpeter ranged over the West and Midwest: California and British Columbia to Manitoba, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri. When the areas the swan preferred as a habitat were overrun by encroaching civilization, the great bird started to decline rapidly.

When extinction threatened it, conservationists, launched a campaign for a Federal sanctuary where the bird would find safety. In 1935, the Red Rock Lakes Refuge near Yellowstone National Park was established.

When increasing numbers of the trumpeter began to endanger the limited breeding range, some of them were transplanted, in 1947, to the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Oregon, and Ruby Lake Refuge in eastern Nevada. A few birds were transplanted to the National Elk Refuge, just south of Yellowstone.

From 1945 to 1949 the National Fete semipostals of Switzerland pictured typical houses of the various cantons.

A number of Switzerland's better known cities have been shown on stamps of the country.

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**'TIS SAID**  
 by "S. Q. LAPIUS"

1. St. Anthony Zaccaria on Vatican City A30 was a physician as well as clergyman who founded the Order of Barnabites, otherwise officially known as Regular Clerks of the Congregation of St. Paul. His body was found incorrupt some 27 years after death. Some philatelic writers have confused this condition with mummification, a man-made chemical process aided by atmospheric conditions, as compared with the miraculous or suspension of natural laws by the Creator. At least three such miraculous instances are recorded on stamps in the designs of Portugal, Portuguese India and Hungary. (see below).

2. Mozart appears on the stamps of Austria, Scott's SP10, but his body was buried in a pauper's grave whose location is now unknown. Perhaps his soul may be found among the heavenly choirs.

3. The artist on U.S. design A344 failed to make the grade as a cadet at the school shown on A262. On the other hand many cadets have become very good "whistlers" when they see a 4.0 picture walking by or is that limited to navy ratings. (see below).

4. A veritable litany of the Saints may be found in the names of towns on precancel stamps and several of those missing in that branch of philately may be had in easily acquired postmarks.

5. That Ripley says the bird shown on a stamp of New Zealand (A59) weighing about five pounds sometimes lays a one pound egg. Radio comedians sometimes lay them equal to their own weight. Avoidupois that is, not brain weight. (see below).

6. The lapel buttonhole without a button, now used only for displaying club and lodge pins, was initiated with a purpose by the French on the Moscow road but the custom of the unbuttoned bottom vest button was begun by the royalty shown on British design A66 for relief of gastric distress after a banquet. The French also found Mos-COW or Russ-beef indigestible. (see below).

7. That it would have been appropriate to include a likeness of Pierre Charles L'Enfant on the stamps of Washington's sesquicentennial celebration, but who remembers him or why. Even Congress forgot him while he was living.

8. The biggest girl in the Capital is shown atop the building on design A175 and for a reason faces east. Every native Washingtonian, and they are fewer than you think, will give you a different reason. (see below).

9. Congressmen were first granted the free mail or franking privilege in 1775. Later a senator sent a horse home attached to the rear of the mail carrying stage coach. Now their franking privilege carries a lot of bull with very little meat beneath the hide.

10. The President shown on A-304 was the only one to have two daughters married in the White House, the husband of one having a responsible monied position next door. (see below).

1. St. Anthony, St. Francis and St. Stephen.
2. James MacNeil Whistler.
3. Kiwi Bird.
4. Edward VII.
5. Freedom; U. S. Capitol.
6. Woodrow Wilson.

## Spain's Former Colonies Cataloged

The firm of M. Galvez, Principe 1, Madrid, Spain has released a new edition of the catalog which lists and prices the stamps of former colonies of Spain.

In this category will be found Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and the Marianas.

Highlight of the book is the listing of the various telegraph and revenue stamps of interest to collectors.

Since the language of the catalog is Spanish the full benefits to be gained from its use can only be obtained by one versed in the language. Specialist material is offered in plentiful quantity but mostly in the form of notes for the various issues.

The book is pocket size, contains 150 pages and is bound between paper covers. Selling price is 15 Pesetas from the Galvez firm at the above address.

## Early June Dates For USCS Meeting

The Sixth National Convention of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society will be held on June 7 and 8, 1952, at the Hotel Douglas, Newark, N. J.

An auction of naval covers will be held on Sunday afternoon and will be followed by a banquet, guest speaker and presentation of awards.

Registration will commence on Saturday morning at \$4.00 per person, which includes the banquet. Advance registrations may be sent to Charles W. Miller, 117 Lexington Ave., Jersey City, 4, N. J. Mr. Miller will also endeavor to secure hotel reservations for out of town guests.

A large exhibit of naval and ship covers and ships on stamps, and dealers' bourse tables will be open during the entire convention.

## Death Calls Ralph Jesse Of Ohio

Ralph E. Jesse, prominent and well known collector of Rocky River, Ohio, died suddenly on December 19 from a heart attack. Credit manager of the Industrial Rayon Corporation of Cleveland, he had been an active member of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club for many years.

He was also a member of the A.P.S. and the Collectors Club of New York. Mr. Jesse had been collecting for over 40 years, and had a fine collection of U. S. locals, early U. S. covers and stamps of British North America.

He is survived by his wife.

## Picture French Church On Stamp

France on December 22 released a 50 franc sepia commemorative picturing the Abbaye aux Hommes in Caen. A view of the church from the rear fills most of the design.

A first day cover received from Pierre A. Cubbels, Boite Postale 86, Soissons (Aisne) France had the stamp cancelled with a special postmark.

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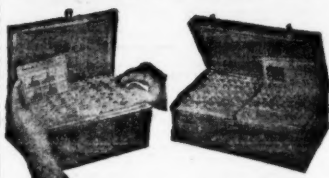
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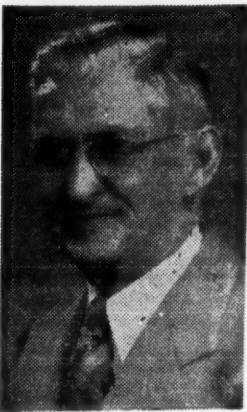
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## Our Humble Thanks

We have just passed through a Christmas season wherein our daily mail was loaded with Christmas Cards and Greetings from friends all over the United States, from Hawaii, Europe and other points. Needless to say we enjoyed opening these annual messengers of Good Cheer and enjoyed reading the many letters of greeting which came along with some of the lovely cards. It is of course hardly possible that we can write personally to all of the host of friends who were so kind as to include our name on their mailing list but we do have the opportunity here to express our thanks for these that came to our office address, we also assure all of you that the members of our staff appreciate your thoughtfulness for they too shared in the joy of seeing the lovely cards and as for those who addressed their greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Linn I can assure you all that Marie got as much pleasure and enjoyment in seeing the cards as she got from any of those than annually come from her old friends and acquaintances in no way associated with stamps. She has become a rabid stamp fan and supports me in my every action with my stamps and stamp acquaintances and thus is entitled to share in the joys that come to me through such association. So thanks again from all of us and may we live to rate your kind attention again on Christmas day in this year of our Lord 1952.



GEORGE W. LINN

## A Santa Claus Stamp At Last

We have long advocated a stamp for Santa Claus. Such a stamp should be issued. It would add so much to the Christmas Spirit which fills the land each Christmas Season. It might even go behind the Iron Curtain and help to keep alive the Santa Claus we in the free world all know so well.

It would appear that only pagan thoughts or ideas could object to a Santa Claus stamp in a country so broadminded as America, yet we are refused the stamp and excuses given lead one to believe that intolerance on the part of someone might be the real cause of refusal to issue such a stamp.

We are happy however to find that the nearest approach to a Santa Claus stamp is that most beautiful and artistic new stamp recently issued by France. It is indeed a beautiful piece of art and will unquestionably be one of the "best sellers", if not the best in the stamp world. This lovely stamp issued in the year of 1951 has all the appearance of a beautiful art glass window set in the wall of a Christian Church. The coloring is most beautiful and the stamp pictures Saint Nicholas who was bishop of Myra in Asia Minor in the 4th Century. It is said that because of his many deeds of charity he was honored as a saint in the 6th Century. From that time on he has been known as Saint Nicholas—protector of little children.

The above information is taken from the Christmas Card of H. E. Harris & Co., of Boston, Mass. Similar cards were received from others and this we deem the most beautiful and most practical Philatelic Christmas Card. If you lack this lovely stamp in your collection get a copy at once, it is the nearest stamp we have yet seen in meeting our wish for a stamp for Santa Claus and we trust that it will be issued annually as a reminder to all the world, that there is a Santa Claus.

## Be A Philatelist

Mr. D. C. McKenzie of Glenden Beach, Oregon takes time to comment on the definition of a stamp collector as given by Mr. Christ in an article in the December 10 issue of this paper. We believe that in a few words Mr. McKenzie has pretty well covered the subject and we quote his letter in order that you may judge him as we have.

"In reading your editorial by Edwin A. Christ in the December 10 issue of Linn's, I was puzzled that you had not come to the conclusion that I came to after reading this article.

First there are three types of Stamp Collectors; the Accumulator, the Stamp Collector, and the Philatelist.

The accumulator is the person who tears the stamps from his mail and sets them aside for later days. This group also includes the person who buys stamps to sell in a later year to get a profit.

The stamp collector is the person who purchases stamps once in a while and has some way in which to classify his stamps.

The philatelist is the most important and includes only persons belonging to a stamp club or society, and those who subscribe to at least one of the many stamp periodicals. This person should be aware of the fact that Philately is a science as well as a hobby."

## A Hint To Our Lady Readers

In writing this little suggestion we are taking it for granted that you ladies have a husband who collects stamps and perhaps most of them like myself have a desk or a room at home where they spend their idle hours with their stamps. You know that they are always writing letters and thus should have need for the usual supplies that are a part of the equipment of most offices and that means a pair of postal scales, a hand stapler and perhaps a pencil sharpener, perhaps also an office pen set for their desk.

All of these things plus any other similar items you can think of will make a welcome gift for your husband for next Christmas or perhaps sooner, on his next birthday. A man is glad to have these little gadgets on his desk and has daily use for them. It is unlikely that you as a housewife would think of such things as being timely gifts for your stamp collector husband, but believe me he would welcome any one of them far more than another necktie. Just try it next time you have occasion to buy him a gift.

I know for I too have more neckties than I know what to do with and more of many other things but I thought of these little gadgets and sent my letter to Santa in time before Christmas and sure enough he got it and I now have a pair of postal scales, a desk pen set, a hand stapler and a pencil sharpener, all my own on my desk at home and I know that you men who have a stamp desk will agree with me that they are mighty useful.

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## Seals, Cachet For Annual SEPAD

The south concourse of the 30th St. Station of the Pennsylvania R. R., Philadelphia will be the scene of the 14th exhibition of the Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (SEPAD).

Besides a large bourse, and the distribution of a daily attendance prize, other features are planned.

A seal picturing Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge will be sold at 10c each. Covers with the special show postmark will sell at 15c each or two for 25c for regular mail and 20c each or two for 35c airmail.

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## Native, Surveyor's Transit On Commem

On December 5, Spanish Guinea gave the first day of issue to a set of two stamps released to mark the "Conferencia Internacional de Africanistas Occidentales."



The design which is common to both stamps includes the head of a native, a surveyor's transit, native drawings and the letters "C.I.A.O.", the latter being an abbreviation of the name of the conference.

Denominations and colors are 50 centavos red and 5 Pesetas cobalt.

A first day cover with the stamps was received from Carlos Lenze, Apartado No. 716, Madrid, Spain.

## Italy Produces New Special Delivery

Italy issued a new Special Delivery stamp shown herewith through the courtesy of Vittorio Lo Bianco of New York City.



In a bright magenta color, with a denomination of 50 Lire, the stamp design pictures the winged foot of Mercury, generally considered symbolical of speed.

## Celebration Planned For 1000th Meeting

Big things are in preparation for the 1000th meeting of the Milwaukee, Wis. Philatelic Society on February 16. Some months now past the 50th anniversary of its founding, which was marked in a fitting manner, the club will make a gala one day celebration on the above date.

Festivities will include a banquet with well known speakers and prizes, and an exhibition confined to one frame from each member for which there will be specially selected prizes.

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## Australia's 1951 CHRISTMAS SEALS

by Keith W. Tucker

To a certain extent the number of different organizations which each year produce and sell Christmas Seals for tuberculosis prevention and care are fewer, but the sale of seals from which funds are derived for such work increases. The smaller number of organizations in the field has come about chiefly because of the consolidation of interests whereby, for instance, the six state Anti-TB Societies all now make use of the same "national" seal where formerly they all had their own. Other groups have dropped out of the picture entirely, or are getting their funds from other sources.

Australia's "national" seal has an appeal this year in two directions. One, of course is the Christmas symbolized by the holy leaves and berries in the upper right hand corner of the design and the ribbon with the wording, "Christmas Greetings". Then too there seems to be a patriotic appeal with a display of the map of Australia with the six states indicated in different colors.

The Cross of Lorraine, symbol of anti-tuberculosis work, appears in red in the lower left corner along with the date in blue, "1951".

Colors are red, green, yellow, blue, pink, rose orange and brown.

No one person was responsible for the design, it being attributed as a whole to the studios of the Advertiser Printing Office of Adelaide, South Australia which also printed the issue.

Distribution nationwide was made by the Australian Tuberculosis Association to the states of Victoria, West Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, New South Wales and Queensland.

Printing was in sheets of 60 (6 x 10) perforated all around. The left selvage margin had the following wording reading from the bottom up, "PLACE ONE ON EVERY LETTER AND PARCEL".

On the selvage at the right reading up, was "ISSUED BY THE AUSTRALIAN TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION".

One of the local groups producing seals is the Anti-Tuberculosis Association of New South

Wales. Its offerings are entirely different in format from the national, in fact, it has produced three different designs set-tenant for 1951.

The NSW seals are issued only in panes of either ten (5 x 2) or 30 (5 x 6) in booklet form. The "ten" panes are put up in booklets of six selling at 5 shillings, or 12 selling at 10 shillings.

The "jumbo" booklet contains 16 panes of the 30 seal size and sells for 2 pounds.

No individual has been credited with the designs, the three being attributed to the firm of Coudrey-Gotham Printery, Ltd. of Sydney. Production of the seal was the work of another Sydney business, the North Sydney Printery.

Each seal either features the head of a small girl and the Cross of Lorraine, or a picture of the child with her sand pail. Colors are red and blue.

Separation of the seals is by roulette with the three outside edges of the panes straight-edged.

While not a Christmas Seal, I am taking this opportunity of mentioning the "Australian Lutheran League" seals. I have received a number of inquiries from the United States for Lutheran seals where such material is apparently quite popular.

The ones shown above were released last July. They were designed and printed by Hunkin, Ellis and King of Adelaide.

Issued in small sheets of 20 (4 x 5) of which the outside edges are all straight, they are separated by roulette.

Issuance was for the 25th anniversary of the Lutheran League a fact which is included in the wording of the design. Badge of the group is superimposed on an outline map of Australia to form the central part of the design.

Colors, which include a dark blue for the central part and a red for the panel at the bottom, are yellow and black.

Progressive color proofs are available for the National Seal, but there are none for the New South Wales item.

(Editors Note: In years past (Continued on page 11)

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One is to be used for a 20c denomination and is intended to represent the wealth of "Forestry Products" manufactured from Canada's great timber resources. The main element of the design, by 33 year old A. L. Pollock of Toronto, is a broad strip of wood which at the extreme left, is cut to form a simple coniferous tree shape and at the right is bleached and curved into a curl of paper. Incorporated into the center is a simplified form of mill which produces newsprint.

Another Torontonian, Emanuel Hahn, produced the design which will be used for the 4c stamp, having as its single motive the head of a Bighorn or Rocky Mountain sheep. This will be one of a series embracing other well-known large animals of Canada.

**GERMANY—Eastern Zone**—For the "Month of Soviet-German Friendship" a 24pf stamp, in orange red, has been released, showing Stalin, to the left and president Pieck of the Russian Zone of Germany to the right.

**GERMANY—Western Zone**—W. C. Rontgen, inventor of the X-Ray, has been portrayed on a 30pf, blue.

**ITALY**—The Italy Stamp Group has proposed that a semi-postal set be produced, with surtax to aid the Po Valley Sufferers.

**PAKISTAN**—The government has released a statement that it is adverse to the exploitation of the philatelic market for commercial ends and will therefore keep new issues to a minimum except for genuine commemorative occasions.

**PANAMA**—An apparently belated stamp "for physical education" has been reported. The adhesive pictures a large stadium and has a value of 1c and is in green and black.

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## THE DEFENSE ERRORS

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### CHAPTER XIV

One of the strangest occurrences in the story of the Defense Errors was the discovery of a very small quantity of sheets, each with a pair of two without any perforations horizontally. Until these were reported, none had been found imperforate horizontally—all of the errors having been horizontal pairs and blocks but imperforate vertically. The announcement came as one of the odd anti-climaxes of the whole series of finds.

Anthony J. Mitula, Jr., stamp dealer since 1933, and proprietor of the stamp and coin company bearing his name in the Union National Bank Bldg., Houston, Texas, was the man who discovered these errors.



A. J. Mitula

He said he found the equivalent of about 100 pairs, and while he had many offers to sell all or part of the holding once the find was known, he steadfastly refused. He resolutely kept all of the vertical pairs himself, retailing them as demand developed. They now are all in the hands of private collectors, so far as is known.

Mitula found these errors some time in July or August, 1942, but he kept them in his office safe nearly two years before saying a thing about them to anyone. He still does not wish to divulge the exact post office where they were discovered. He says they were found "in a small town near Houston" and adds that a friend "told me about them."

He said: "When I went to the post office I was pretty well prepared for what I found, although I must confess I was disappointed at the small number. I found the imperforate errors in only one pad of 100 sheets. The errors occurred about every third sheet, and they averaged about three vertical imperf pairs per sheet, or a total of nearly 100 pairs."

Mitula reported: "I got all of the find." He stripped out all of the errors except for two sheets. "I have kept two sheets intact for my own collection purposes," he wrote.

As for the position of the errors, the Texas dealer said they all clustered around the "upper right hand corner." Almost without exception, the imperforate stamps were the "four top stamps." The outside vertical pair (stamps No. 10 and 20) was about half perforated, but one, two or three inside of this outside pair were "okay."



1c imperf horizontally

After holding his find in silence for nearly two years, Mitula sent a pair and a block to the noted U. S. authority, Phillip Ward, Jr., in Philadelphia. Now, all of the Mitula-find imperf ma-

terial is reported to show "traces" of the perforating pins. It is not like blind perfs, but rather as if a row of perforating pins had been bent over in one direction lying upon one another.

The paper between the stamps bears at least a trace of something having been forced against it with considerable pressure—enough to leave a mark but not quite enough to break the paper.

All of the Mitula errors that I have seen bear this paper wear "trademark". George E. McCabe, of Troy, Pa., who handled most of the 1c horizontal pairs, stated: "I have looked over the lot of errors found by Mr. Mitula, near Houston, Texas. All of those show faint traces of blind perfs—I could see traces of the perforation pins on all of them. In spite of that they have sold for nice prices."

Mitula told me that at first he traded "about eight or nine" pairs and blocks to a few dealers in the East for "items I wanted, including some of the other imperforate Defense material." Mr. Ward is reported to have offered Mitula \$25 per pair for all he could produce. Mitula refused, preferring to merchandise them himself, but \$25 became Mitula's asking price for the pairs.

The first dealers to whom he sold the errors were Ezra D. Cole, of Nyack, N. Y., and Fred Farmer, of Detroit. The first pair put up at auction brought \$35. Another pair offered at a Mint Sheet auction brought \$22.50.

When I corresponded with Mr. Mitula in July, 1946, he had sold virtually all of the No. 899-a material. He very kindly cooperated in supplying answers to nearly all of my questions. He recalled the day he found the errors and said again, "there were about 30 sheets with three pairs in each sheet. I found a few more sheets but they were not quite good enough to pass. All of the pairs in the Houston find showed traces of the perforating machine, but the pins did not cut the paper."

He reported that at auctions that year the pairs had been bringing from \$25 to \$50 per pair. "One sold in our recent Texas state convention auction at \$25."

Mitula very graciously extended his best wishes to this series of articles, "when published some day soon." Said he: "I hope the articles, particularly the correct information about these vertical pairs and blocks, will create a lot of interest. It won't do me any good, since I have sold nearly all of them, but at least the articles may help firm or boost the value of the vertical material and it will help those who had the nerve to buy it from me."

Mitula has been a collector for 35 years, a dealer for the past 18 years. He has specialized in U. S. stamps for the past several years. Mitula is a native Texan, having been born at Galveston.

One of the last questions I asked him was to evaluate the future of the Defense errors that he found and sold. Mitula stated: "Personally, I think right now they are worth many times more than the 6c bi-color airmail pairs of the same type that are imperforate vertically. I understand there are more than 1,000 known pairs of the 6c bi-color and the dealers get \$90 a pair. I can't tell very well what the future may hold for these No. 899-a errors, but I am confident that with all the facts known, in time they will find their true price level."

I bought a pair from Mr. Mitula for \$25 and added it to my collection in November, 1946. In the spring of 1947, Linn's and other stamp papers published a little blurb for me, stating that I was working on this Defense story and would appreciate hearing from collectors and dealers who could supply additional information.

One dealer wrote to tell me

about the Mitula find. I replied that I had had correspondence with the Texan. In no time at all, I became involved in a three-cornered confab by mail that finally brought me one of the most striking pieces of Defense error material in my collection. I would like to tell Linn's readers about it and just for fun I have labeled it:

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For the regional meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organization at Istanbul in 1950, Turkey issued three stamps one of which pictures Hezarfen Ahmet Celebi jumping from a tower and using artificial wings to make flight. (12)

Dealer ★ ★ ★ Doings

H. R. Wilk has now established his stamp store in more modern and efficient accommodations at 7040 Roosevelt Blvd. in Philadelphia, Pa. He extends a cordial invitation to all to drop in for a visit. Mr. Wilk specializes in plate blocks of the U. S. issues as well as plain blocks and mint and used singles of all categories of United States stamps.

Alex A. Jason, 911 Tenth St. NW, Grand Rapids 4, Mich. announces his "Winter List" featuring postally used King George VI stamps of British America from the Coronations to date. Also included are other used British Colonies issues. Mr. Jason has the Stanley Gibbons King George VI catalog which is sent postpaid for one dollar. Mention Linn's.

Christmas Seals have become a rather important sideline to many stamp collectors some of whom like to include them with the actual postage stamps of the countries in which they specialize. It is possible for persons so interested to obtain a list from George E. Thompson, 335 W. Colorado St., Glendale 4, Calif. which offers them from many nations.

SWITZERLAND

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Television comes in for a play on the fourth and high value of the set, a 40c dark blue and light blue. The design pictures an eye and TV waves.

Pierre Gauchat of Zurich was responsible for all four designs.

Printing will be made on granite paper with a mixture of red and blue fibers in sheets of fifty stamps.

Sale of the stamps will be made in all Swiss post offices and in the Philatelic Agency beginning on the first day, February 1, and will continue until December 31, 1952.

Validity of the stamps to prepay postage fees will exist for the same period.

Collectors wanting to purchase the stamps at face value are to make their applications to the Philatelic Agency, Direction General of PTT, Bollwerk 8, Berne, Switzerland.

They must enclose a sum sufficient to pay for the stamps and return postage.

A special postmark will also be applied to the first day covers sent to the Agency for service. It was designed by Hans Thoni.

Collectors can send their covers bearing a name and address to the Philatelic Agency and a sum sufficient to pay for the stamps to be affixed.

Money orders made payable to the Philatelic Agency are acceptable. The current rate of exchange is approximately 1 Swiss Franc (100 centimes) equals 25c United States money.

Dealer Slowed By Sickness In Family

Mrs. Al Halpern, wife of the well known McKeesport, Pa. stamp dealer, has just undergone a major surgical operation.

Mr. Halpern, of course, is spending as much time with his wife as possible, a fact which has lessened the time he can apply to his stamp business.

Customers are asked to be patient for the next few weeks if their orders, or the replies to their letters are not received as quickly as usual.

AUSTRALIAN SEALS

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Mr. Tucker has offered to purchase Australian Seals and Proofs for seal fans in the United States at face plus return postage. He will do so again this year. Cost of the seals are:

National TB Seals 1c each, Progressive Color Proofs 10c per set. NSW Seal 10c per pane of ten and 30c per pane of 30. No proofs available.

Luther League seals at 25c per pane of 20. No proofs available.

Payments can be made by dollar bills; it is possible to purchase any quantities desired such as singles, blocks, panes, sheets or multiples of them. Be sure to make an allowance for return postage—and, commems on your request would be appreciated since all funds taken in are the property of the various seal agencies.)

SEVEN ERRORS

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stamp with inverted center was not regularly issued." Well, who got them—do you know? Me neither. Errors No. 3, No. 4, No. 5.

5c ERROR OF 1917

Every hinge-licker knows that a 5c stamp should be blue, so—ah!—here's an error I know something about personally; even own one in the center of a mint block of nine, completely surrounded by eight of the loveliest 2c stamps you can imagine

This error came about through that strange and lost ambition called "economy", which was still practiced somewhat in Washington in President Wilson's time, at the end of the first World War.

Nowadays the P. O. Department orders plates from which our stamps are printed in multiple quantities, some of which plates are never put to use and eventually destroyed. Back in the days of 1917 however, one or two plates were actually repaired. And thereby came this error.

Note—In those days, an original plate was made by first engraving a tiny die in reverse, exactly the size of the stamp. From the die the design was transferred onto a roller, now showing its obverse picture. Finally, the roller was used to roll or "rock" its image onto a sheet of soft steel, again in reverse and one at a time, until the required number of impressions had been transferred onto the steel, which was then hardened, burnished and ready to go.

But to get back to that repair job on Plate No. 7942, printing red 2c stamps, 400 at a time. It was getting faint and worn in a number of spots, yet it seemed a shame to throw it out already. What to do? Repair it, of course. First it was necessary to erase the old impressions, after which the transfer roller was brought out to "rock in" some fresh impressions.

Two adjoining stamps in the upper left pane and one stamp in the lower right pane were revamped, after which plate 7942 was returned to the press-room, apparently as good as ever and ready for more duty. Neither repairmen, pressmen nor inspectors noticed that the 5c roller had been used to repair the 2c plate.

More stamps were printed from the repaired plate and scattered to post offices cross the land, until some lucky Johnny discovered the 5c red error and then brother, did we have fun!

The postmaster at Appleton, Wisconsin, where I later lived, was a friendly man and a generous man, but he didn't believe in luck himself—until he opened his most recent shipment of 2c stamp and found 100 of the single 5c errors from the lower pane, one on a page of each of 100 sheets.

As I indicated, he was a friendly, generous man, and he had pleasure in selling most of the full sheets to his friends at the required \$2, as every good postmaster should. He and I became charter members of the Appleton Philatelic Society in 1928, at which time he hadn't a single sheet left, "unless he had stuck one away somewhere for his son's collection."

Scott's quotes them: mint single \$62.50, used single \$60.00—on cover \$100.00—in blocks of nine, middle stamp the error \$90.00—block of twelve, two middle stamps errors (from the upper left pane) \$150.00. Error No. 6.

THE 24c AIRMAIL STAMP OF 1918

As far as known, just one sheet of this stamp with inverted center slipped past the watchful eyes at the Bureau. It was bought by W. T. Robey, a broker's clerk, at a Washington post office during his lunch hour. Refusing to return it or exchange it, he sold it to an Eastern syndicate, which in turn sold it to Colonel Green, son of the rich "Hetty" Green.

The Colonel broke up the sheet, and soon single copies were being bought or sold here and there, first at \$250, then \$500, until in 1948 two copies were auctioned at \$4000 each.

The Colonel had retained the margin block of eight, which included the arrow and both plate numbers. After his death it was sold for \$27,000, the highest price ever paid for a single U. S. philatelic item—or so I understand from what I have read. Error No. 7—and Goodnight.

ANSWER to the question asked earlier: The American Bank Note Company printed the 13 Allied Flags in 1943, with thank-you probably due to F. D. R., who would try any innovation at least once.

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# "ELIZABETH" A Royal Topic by John Reibel

The recent tour of Princess Elizabeth and her husband, Duke Phillip, through Canada and the issuance of a stamp by our good neighbor to commemorate the visit calls to mind the fact that several other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations have released stamps portraying the future sovereign of England.

If one is looking for a topic to collect which is interesting, inexpensive, and not too hard to keep up with as well as one which offers possibilities of sound investment (if this matters), this subject is worth exploring.

To date only 32 stamps have been printed by 14 different countries, if one is to count the bilingual pairs of the Union of South Africa and Southwest Africa as separate stamps. All of these countries are either members of the British Commonwealth of Nations or colonies under its control. To the best of my knowledge, no nation outside the Commonwealth has issued a stamp of this nature.

New Zealand has had the largest number (6), but five of these have been semi-postals.

Until the recent Canadian commemorative, Newfoundland and Malta shared the honors with that country for the largest number of regular stamps, three each. Now, of course, Canada leads with four regulars.

The Malta stamps, produced to commemorate a visit by the Princess to that island in 1950, are all of the same design and constitute a set.

The single event which produced the largest number of emissions (11) was the visit of the Royal Family to the southern part of the African continent in the spring of 1947. To celebrate this event stamps were prepared by Basutoland, British Bechuanaland, Swaziland, Southern Rhodesia, Southwest Africa, and the Union of South Africa.

The stamps of the first three were of the same designs, values, and colors and are differentiated only by the country designation. Stamps of the Union of South Africa were overprinted, as usual, for use in Southwest Africa.

Other events which members of the Commonwealth felt to be of sufficient importance to warrant production of stamps portraying Elizabeth included the Silver Jubilee of her grandfather, George V; the return of peace at the end of World War II; the victory of the Allied Nations; and her marriage to Lt. Philip Mountbatten of the Royal Navy.

She also appears with her sister in one stamp of a set issued by Canada to commemorate the visit of her parents to that country and the United States shortly before the outbreak of World War II.

For sheer beauty, mint blocks of these issues are difficult to equal. A good many of them are printed in some shade of blue which is a delight to the eye. Two are bi-colored and there is even a triangle stamp, which incidentally, was overlooked in a recent listing of triangle stamps published in a nationally known stamp paper.

A complete collection of mint singles will set you back about \$5.00. Used singles will cost about the same, since some of these items have a higher value used than mint. The most expensive one, and the earliest, is Newfoundland Scott No. 192 which catalogs \$1.50 either way (Scott 1951) and can be purchased for not much less than that in very fine condition.

However, this is the only stamp



**ROYAL TRAIN CANCELLATION OF 1947.** Recently a number of covers were cancelled on the train which carried Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on their trip through Canada. This inspired Kurt B. Liebermann of Dayton, Ohio to submit another such cover, but in this instance it has a 1947 origin. In that year, England's royal family visited in Africa. Two stamps were also issued to mark the tour by Southern Rhodesia, both can be seen on the cover above. The cancellation which ties them to the cover is oval in shape and reads, "ROYAL TOUR SOUTHERN RHODESIA/7 APR. 47." The oval is surmounted by a coat of arms.

for which you will be required to lay out a dollar or more. The rest can be picked up for nickels, and in some cases, pennies.

As mentioned above, this topic is not too difficult to keep up with as not too many are issued each year. Yet there are just enough to keep one's interest aroused.

Of course, if Elizabeth ever sits upon the British throne, a collection of this type will then form a good foundation for an expanding British Empire collection of her reign, since her likeness would replace that of her father.

For the benefit of those who might like to start a topical collection of this subject here is a complete listing:

Australia 210; Basutoland 37-38; Bechuanaland Protectorate 145-146; Canada 211, 246, 276 and

the latest issue; Cook Islands 128; Malta 229-231; Newfoundland 192, 247, 269; New Zealand 250, B23, B24-25, B36-37; Niue 91; Samoa 192; Southern Rhodesia 65, 69; Southwest Africa 226-227; Swaziland 46-47; and the Union of South Africa 162-163.

## LA Cover Club Chooses Officers

Henry B. Decker was recently elected to the presidency of the Los Angeles Cover Club, Los Angeles, Calif.

Other members of the official family are vice president Henry Upleger, treasurer Mrs. H. P. Jochimsen and secretary Mrs. Arthur S. Burrell, 1615 Wellesley Ave., Los Angeles 25, Calif.

Interested collectors are invited to the regular monthly meeting at 417 S. Alvarado St. on the second Thursdays.

## Auction Dates

Jan. 7-9—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22. A sale of mint and used stamps of the world.  
Jan. 18—Lee Gilbert, 116 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. United States, mint and used and on cover.  
Jan. 19—J. & H. Stolow, 50 W. 46th St., New York 19, N. Y. Intact collections by country.  
Jan. 21-23—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22. A sale of British Commonwealth exclusively.  
Jan. 26—Earl P. Apfelbaum, 1428 S. Penn Square, Philadelphia 2, Pa. 19th century including rarities.

## Exhibition Dates

Jan. 14-20—SEPAD, 30th St. Station of the Pennsylvania R. R., Philadelphia, Pa.  
Feb. 2, 3—Cleveland Stamp Club, Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Feb. 2, 3—Birmingham Stamp Club, Birmingham Community House, Birmingham, Mich.  
Feb. 16—Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Feb. 22-24—Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition, Albany Hotel, Denver, Colo.  
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